

Adjectives के तीन Degrees of comparison होते हैं। ये इस प्रकार हैं—

1. **Positive Degree** : इसमें Adjective अपने Simple quality को express करता है। इसका प्रयोग दो व्यक्तियों/वस्तुओं या व्यक्तियों या वस्तुओं के दो सेट (समूह) के बीच comparison (तुलना) करने के लिए किया जाता है। इस degree में adjective को asas / soas के बीच रखा जाता है; जैसे—

This book is as useful as that.

Alia is no so clever as Ameena.

Mohan is as intelligent as Sohan.

These books are as useful as those.

Khushi and Hanshi are as naughty as Neha and Nupur.

2. **Comparative Degree** : इसमें Adjective अपने Higher quality को express करता है। इसका प्रयोग दो व्यक्तियों/वस्तुओं या व्यक्तियों या वस्तुओं के दो सेट के बीच comparison करने के लिए किया जाता है। इससे पता चलता है कि कोई व्यक्ति या वस्तु किसी दूसरे व्यक्ति या वस्तु से certain quality में अच्छा (better) है या (worse) खराब; जैसे—

Mira is wiser than her sister.

Daisy is more beautiful than her mother.

Sudama is less intelligent than his brother.

Ajay and Vinay are better chess players than Mukual and Sunil.

3. **Superlative Degree** : इसमें Adjective अपने Highest quality को express करता है। इसका प्रयोग दो से अधिक के बीच Comparison करने के लिए किया जाता है। इससे पता चलता है कि कोई व्यक्ति या वस्तु certain quality में सबसे अच्छा (best) है या सबसे खराब (worst); जैसे—

Moti is the dullest of all his brothers.

Shukhar Dhawan is the best player in our team.

Anshu is the most intelligent of all students in the class.

Some Special Points to Remember

1. Adjectives की तरह ही Adverbs के भी Degrees of Comparison होते हैं, जैसे—

| Postive | Comparative | Superlative | Postive | Comparative | Superlative |
|---------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|------------------|
| fast | faster | fastest | wisely | more wisely | most wisely |
| soon | sooner | soonest | beautifully | more beautifully | most beautifully |
| near | nearer | nearest | much | more | most |
| loud | louder | loudest | little | less | least |
| late | later | latest | well | better | best |

2. पाँच ऐसे Words हैं जो Positive Degree में Adverb हैं, लेकिन Comparative तथा Superlative Degree में Adjective—

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|------|--------------|--------------------|
| far | farther | farthest |
| fore | further | furthest |
| in | inner | innermost, inmost |
| out | outer, utter | utter most, utmost |
| up | upper | uppermost, upmost |

3. अनेक Adverbs तथा कुछ Adjectives ऐसे हैं जिनका प्रयोग Comparative या Superlative Degree में नहीं होता है; जैसे—

here, there, now, then, right, wrong, where, once, circular, round, square etc.

4. Latin से लिए गए कुछ Comparatives ऐसे हैं जिनके Positive या Superlative Degree नहीं होते। इनकी संख्या 12 है और ऐसे words का अंत or से होता है। ये इस प्रकार हैं—

Interior, Exterior, Ulterior, Major, Minor, Inferior, Superior, Prior, Anterior, Posterior, Senior & Junior

इनमें से Interior, Exterior, Ulterior, Major तथा Minor का प्रयोग अब Comparative Meaning के लिए नहीं किया जाता है। इनका प्रयोग अब Positive Adjective के रूप में किया जाता है; जैसे—

It is a major / minor problem.

I have no ulterior motives in helping her.

The exterior wall of this house is made of brick.

The interior decoration of this house is very beautiful.

इनमें से Inferior, Superior, Prior, Anterior, Posterior, Senior तथा Junior का प्रयोग Comparative Adjective की तरह होता है, परन्तु Than के बदले में 'To' का प्रयोग किया जाता है; जैसे—

He is superior to me in rank.

Mr. Roy is senior / junior to me.

Passanger report to the check-in desk prior to departure.

Mohan is inferior to Sohan in knowledge.

5. Former, Latter, Elder, Upper, Inner, Outer, Utter etc. कुछ ऐसे English Comparatives हैं जिनका प्रयोग अब Comparative Meaning के लिए न होकर Positive Adjective की तरह होता है; जैसे—

Suresh is my elder brother.

This is a matter of utter confusion.

The inner room is suitable to live in.

The outer wall of the B.H.U. is very high.

Dr Manmohan Singh is our former Prime Minister.

Interchange of Positive and Comparative :

इस Sentence पर गौर करें—

He is as intelligent as his brother.

इसका अर्थ है कि 'In intelligence he is equal to his brother. दूसरे शब्दों में कहा जा सकता है कि 'His brother does not possess more intelligence'. अतः इस Sentence को Comparative Degree में इस प्रकार Change किया जाएगा।

His brother is not more intelligent than he.

अब इस Sentence पर ध्यान दें—

Rahul is so clever as Ravi

इसका अर्थ है कि 'Ravi does not possess greater cleverness than Rahul'

अतः इस Sentence को Comparative Degree में इस प्रकार change किया जाएगा—

Ravi is not cleverer than Rahul.

Positive Sentence को Comparative Sentence में Change करने के लिए निम्नलिखित Rules को follow करें—

- as as / so as को हटा दें।
- Adjectives को Comparative Degree का रूप दें।
- यदि Positive Sentence Affirmative हो तो उसे Negative और यदि Negative हो तो उसे Affirmative बना दें।
- Sentence के दूसरे भाग को नए Sentence में पहले रखें तथा पहले भाग को अंत में।
- Comparative के बाद than का प्रयोग करें।
- यदि Positive Sentence में 'No other' हो, तो 'Any other' में change कर दें।
- यदि Positive Sentence में 'very few' हो तो उसे 'Most other' में change कर दें।

Examples :

| Positive | Comparative |
|--|--|
| Rajani is as intelligent as Ritika. | Ritika is not more intelligent than Rajani. |
| He is not so good as Vipul. | Vipul is better than he. |
| Soni is as tall as you. | You are not taller than Soni. |
| Nitu is as beautiful as Neha. | Nitu is not more beautiful than Neha. |
| No other boy in the class is as naughty as Pravin | Pravin is more naughty than any other boy in the class. |
| Very few things in the world is so important as honesty. | Honesty is more important than most other things in the world. |

From Comparative Degree to Positive Degree.

इस Sentence पर गौर करें—

She is taller than her sister.

इसका अर्थ है कि 'Her sister does not have the same height as she. अतः इस Comparative Sentence को Positive Sentence में इस तरह से Change किया जाता है—

Her sister is not as tall as she.

अब इस Sentence पर ध्यान दें—

His shirt is not costlier than mine.

इसका अर्थ है कि 'My shirt has the same cost as his'. अतः इसे Positive Degree में इस प्रकार Change किया जाता है।

My shirt is as costly as his.

Comparative Degree को Positive Degree में Change करने के लिए निम्नलिखित Rules को follow करें—

- Comparative Degree के Adjective को Positive में बदलें—
- Adjective को (as..... as / So as) के बीच में रखें—
- Than को हटा दें—
- यदि Positive Sentence Affirmative हो, तो उसे Negative और Negative हो तो उसे Affirmative बना दें।
- Sentence के दूसरे भाग को नए Sentence में पहले रखें और पहले भाग को अंत में।
- Comparative Degree के 'Any other' को 'No other' में बदलें दें।
- Comparative Degree के 'Most other' को 'Very few' में बदल दें।

Examples :

| Comparative | Positive |
|---|--|
| He is wiser than Karim. | Karim is not as wise as he. |
| He is not wiser than Karim. | Karim is as wise as he. |
| Geeta is more intelligent than I. | I am not as intelligent as Geeta. |
| A dog runs faster than a cat. | A cat does not run as fast as a dog. |
| I know him as well as you do. | You do not know him better than I do. |
| The rose is more beautiful than any other flower. | No other flower is as beautiful as the rose. |
| Gold is costlier than most other metals. | Very few metals are as costly as gold. |

Examples

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|---|-------------------------|
| 1. She is as good as Lata. Lata is not better than she. | Positive Comparative |
| 2. Ram is not as wise as Shyam. Shyam is wiser than Ram. | Positive Comparative |
| 3. The pen is mightier (शक्तिशाली) than the sword. The sword is not as mighty as the pen. | Comparative Positive |
| 4. Your sister is not more beautiful than my sister. My sister is as beautiful as your sister. | Comparative Positive |
| 5. The train runs faster than the car. The car does not run so fast as the train. | Comparative Positive |
| 6. She does not walk as fast as I. I walk faster than she (walks). = I walk faster than she does. | Positive Comparative |
| 7. She has more money than wisdom. She does not have as much wisdom as money. | Comparative Passive |
| 8. I know him as well as you do. You do not know him better than I do. | Positive Comparative |
| 9. He does not know you better than I do. I know you as well as he does. | Comparative Positive |
| 10. I would as soon die as surrender (समर्पण). I would sooner / rather die than surrender. | Positive Comparative |

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| 11. A better play (नाटक) than King Lear was never written. A play so good as King Lear was never written. | Comparative Positive |
| 12. No other play in English is as good as King Lear. King Lear is better than any other play in English. or, King Lear is better than all other plays in English. | Positive Comparative |
| 13. Very few things in the world are as valuable as good health. Good health is more valuable than most other things in the world. | Positive Comparative |
| 14. No other town in India is so good as Chandigarh. Chandigarh is better than any other town in India Or, Chandigarh is better than all other towns in India. | Positive Comparative |
| 15. Very few men in the world are as great as Gandhiji. Gandhiji is greater than most other men in the world. | Positive Comparative |

Exercise : 1

(A) Change the degree of Comparison in the following sentences without changing the sense. Use positive and comparative degree—

1. He is not as intelligent as his friend.
2. This book is as useful as that.
3. This building is as grand as that.
4. A child can not run as fast as a man.
5. Bihar is not as rich as Jharkhand in minerals (खनिज).
6. He is as smart as an actor.
7. She is as beautiful as an actress.
8. Gold is costlier than any other metal.
9. Kalidas is greater than most other dramatists.
10. Lotus is less charming (मोहक) than rose.
11. No other flower is as beautiful as rose.
12. No other tree is as big as oak.
13. No other bird can fly as high as eagles.
14. England is not as powerful as America.
15. No other country in the world is as rich as America.
16. Very few leaders in the world are as great as Vajpayee.
17. Very few countries in the world are as culturally advanced (सांस्कृतिक रूप से उन्नत) as India.
18. Silver is brighter than any other metal.
19. Very few poets of England were so great as Wordsworth.
20. The Ramayan is greater than most other epics (महाकाव्य).

(B) Change the degree of Comparison in the following sentences without changing the sense. Use positive and comparative degree—

1. I know better than you do.
2. The cat does not run as fast as the dog.
3. Copper is not more useful than iron.
4. A foolish friend is not as good as a wise enemy.
5. Something is better than nothing.
6. He knows you as well as I do.
7. He can not help you as much as I can.
8. He can translate this passage into English more easily than I can.
9. It is easier to preach (उपदेश देना) than to practise.

10. A live ass is stronger than a dead lion.
11. I know this matter as well as you do.
12. Hamlet is better than all other dramas in English.
13. Very few dramas in English are so good as Othello.
14. Gold is heavier than all other metals.
15. Gandhijee was greater than most other leaders of the world.
16. No other man in India is as greart as Baba Amate.
17. Very few poets of the world are so great as Tagore.
18. Lata is greater than most other singers.
19. No other town in India is as busy as Mumbai.
20. Very few states in India are so rich as Jharkhand in minerals.

Interchange of Positive, Comparative and Superlative :

निम्नलिखित Sentences में degree के ऊपर ध्यान दें—

1. Premchand is the best novelist in Hindi. *Superlative*
प्रेमचंद हिन्दी के सबसे अच्छे उपन्यासकार हैं।
2. Premchand is better than any other novelist in Hindi.
or, Premchand is better than all other novelists in Hindi.
प्रेमचंद हिन्दी के किसी भी दूसरे उपन्यासकार से अच्छे हैं।
3. No other novelist in Hindi is as good as Premchand.
or, No other novelist in Hindi is so good as Premchand.
हिन्दी का कोई दूसरा उपन्यासकार उतना अच्छा नहीं है जितना प्रेमचंद।

पहले Sentence में Superlative Degree, दूसरे में Comparative Degree तथा तीसरे Sentence में Positive Degree का प्रयोग हुआ है; उपर्युक्त सभी Sentences के अर्थ एक ही हैं। Sentences में प्रयुक्त Adjectives के Degree में अंतर है।

‘Best’ की जगह पर ‘better than any other’ या ‘better than all other’ का प्रयोग किया जाता है, यदि Comparative Degree के Adjective का प्रयोग करना हो। ‘Any other’ के बाद Singular Noun तथा ‘All other’ के बाद Plural Noun का प्रयोग करना चाहिए। Better than any / Better than all का प्रयोग कभी नहीं करना चाहिए; इसके बाद ‘Other’ शब्द का प्रयोग निश्चित रूप से करना चाहिए।

यदि Positive Degree के Adjective का प्रयोग करने की आवश्यकता हो, तो No other + Noun in Singular Number + so good as (या as good as) का प्रयोग करना चाहिए। नीचे दिए गए Examples से आपका concept और clear होगा।

1. America is the richest country in the world. *Superlative*
America is richer than any other country in the world. *Comparative*
or, America is richer than all other countries in the world. *Positive*
No other country in the world is so/as rich as America.
2. Sardar Patel was the greatest leader in India. *Superlative*
Sardar Patal was greater than any other leader in India. *Comparative*
or, Sardar Patel was greater than all other leaders in India. *Positive*
No other leader in India was so/as great as Sardar Patel.

3. Gold is the costliest of all metals. *Superlative*
 Gold is costlier than any other metal. *Comparative*
 or, Gold is costlier than all other metals. *Positive*
 No other metal is as / so costly as gold.

कुछ sentences में Degree को दूसरे प्रकार से भी Change किया जाता है। नीचे दिए गए Examples का अध्ययन कर अपना concept clear करें—

1. Anjali is one of the best students of my school. *Superlative*
 Anjali is better than most other students of my school. *Comparative*
 or, Very few students of my school are as / so good as Anjali. *Positive*
2. Ashoka was one of the greatest emperors. *Superlative*
 Ashoka was greater than most other emperors. *Comparative*
 Very few emperors were as great as Ashoka. *Positive*
3. Milton was one of the greatest poets of England. *Superlative*
 Milton was greater than most other poets of England. *Comparative*
 Very few poets of England were so / as great as Milton. *Positive*

पहले दिए गए Examples और ठीक ऊपर दिए गए Examples में कुछ अंतर है। उपर्युक्त Examples में दिया गया है 'one of the best, one of the greatest etc.' इनके पहले बताए गए Examples में दिया गया है 'The best, the greatest etc.'। दोनों प्रकार के Sentences के अर्थ में अंतर है। 'The best' का अर्थ है 'सबसे बड़ा' और 'one of the greatest' का अर्थ है 'सबसे महान् व्यक्तियों में एक'। अतः 'The greatest का अर्थ ही है greater than all other और one of the greatest का अर्थ है 'greatest than most other' अतः Transformed Sentences में भी अंतर होगा। इसे ध्यान में रखें—

Comparative Degree में One of the best के बदले Better than most other
 Comparative Degree में The best के बदले Better than all / any other
 Positive Degree में One of the best के बदले Very few...so / as good as
 Positive Degree में The best के बदले No other ...so / as good as

Examples

1. Amitabh Bachchan is the best actor. *Superlative*
 Amitabh Bachchan is better than any other actor. *Comparative*
 or, Amitabh Bachchan is better than all other actors. *Positive*
 No other actor is as / so good as Amitabh Bachchan.
2. The Hindustan Times is the most popular news paper in India. *Superlative*
 The Hindustan Times is more popular than any other news paper / than all other news papers in India. *Comparative*
 No other news paper in India is so popular as the Hindustan Times. *Positive*
3. Akbar was one of the gratest rulers of India. *Superlative*
 Akbar was greater than most other rulers of India *Comparative*
 Very few rulers of India were as great as Akbar. *Positive*
4. Australia is one of the largest islands (द्वीप) in the world. *Superlative*
 Australia is larger than most other islands in the world. *Comparative*
 Very few islands in the world are as large as Australia. *Positive*

5. Shahrukh Khan is one of the most successful actors.
Shahrukh Khan is more successful than most other actors.
Very few actors are as / so successful as Shahrukh Khan.
Superlative
Comparative
Positive
6. No other actress in Indian films is so beautiful as Kajol.
Kajol is more beautiful than any other actress / all other actress in Indian films.
Positive
Comparative
Kajol is the most beautiful actress in Indian films.
Superlative
7. No other man was as truthful as Gandhiji.
Gandhiji was more truthful than any other man.
Gandhiji was the most truthful man.
Positive
Comparative
Superlative
8. Anamika is better than any other student in the class.
No other student in the class is as good as Anamika.
Anamika is the best student in the class.
Comparative
Positive
Superlative
9. Rasgulla is more tasteful than all other sweets.
No other sweet is so / as tasteful as rasgulla.
Rasgulla is the most tasteful of all sweets.
Comparative
Positive
Superlative
10. Patna is busier than any other town in Bihar.
No other town in Bihar is so / as busy as Patna.
Patna is the busiest town in Bihar.
Comparative
Positive
Superlative
11. Tulsidas is more famous than most other poets in India.
Very few poets in India are as famous as Tulsidas.
Tulsidas is one of the most famous poets in India.
Comparative
Positive
Superlative
12. The dog is more faithful than most other animals.
The dog is one of the most faithful animals.
Very few animals are as faithful as the dog.
Comparative
Superlative
Positive
13. Very few dramatists of the world are as famous as Shakespeare.
Shakespeare is more famous than most other dramatists of the world.
Shakespeare is one of the most famous dramatist of the world.
Positive
Comparative
Superlative
14. Very few leaders were as honest as Karpoori Thakur.
Karpoori Thakur was one of the most honest leaders.
Karpoori Thakur was more honest than most other leaders.
Positive
Superlative
Comparative
15. He is not the most intelligent of all students.
He is not more intelligent than some other students.
or, Some students are not less intelligent than he.
Some students are at least as intelligent as he.
Superlative
Comparative
Comparative
Positive
16. The lotus is not the most beautiful of all flowers.
The lotus is not more beautiful than some other flowers.
or, Some flowers are not less beautiful than the lotus.
Some flowers are at least as beautiful as the lotus.
Superlative
Comparative
Comparative
Positive
17. Some students in my class are at least as laborious as Mohan.
Some students in my class are not less laborious than Mohan. or
Mohan is not more laborious than some other students in my class.
Mohan is not the most laborious student in my class.
Positive
Comparative
Comparative
Superlative
18. She is not the wisest of all girls.
She is not wiser than some other girls.
or, Some girls are not less wise than she.
Some girls are at least as wise as she.
Superlative
Comparative
Comparative
Positive

Exercise : 2

(A) Transform the following sentences as directed—

1. Rahul is as bold as Ravi. (comparative)
2. Pravin is wiser than Prashant. (positive)
3. Physics is easier than Chemistry. (positive)
4. He is not so brave as my brother. (comparative)
5. You can't speak English more fluently (धारा-प्रवाह) than I. (positive)
6. Wine is costlier than milk. (positive)
7. Karim is not bolder than Salim. (positive)
8. Platinum is as heavy as gold. (comparative)
9. Bittu is not so gentle as Chiku. (comparative)
10. Madan has more money than intellect. (positive)
11. His house is not bigger than mine. (positive)
12. The parrot can not fly as fast as the eagle. (comparative)
13. He drives more carefully than I do. (positive)
14. He knows me as well you do. (comparative)
15. This temple is biggest in India. (comparative)
16. No other man is as honest as my father. (comparative)
17. Jamshedpur is more famous than any other town in Jharkhand. (positive)
18. Gold is heavier than any other metal. (positive)
19. No other English poet is as great as Shakespeare. (superlative)
20. Honey is not cheaper than milk. (positive)

(B) Transform the following sentences as directed—

1. Shakespeare is as great as Kalidas. (comparative)
2. Kalidas is greater than any other dramatist in the world. (positive)
3. Lata is the best singer in the world. (comparative)
4. Very few singers of the world are so good as Lata. (comparative)
5. This book is one of the most valuable books in the market. (positive)
6. Lenin was greater than most other revolutionaries (क्रांतिकारी) in the world. (superlative)
7. Cricket is more popular than any other game today. (superlative)
8. Some men are more fortunate (भाग्यशाली) than he. (positive)
9. Bihar was better than most other states in India. (superlative)
10. He is one of the most intelligent boys of my school. (positive)
11. No other flower is as sweet as the rose. (comparative)
12. No other thing is as valuable as good health. (superlative)
13. A live ass is stronger than a dead lion. (positive)
14. He is not so learned as his father. (comparative)
15. Very few poets of India were so great as Dinkar. (superlative)
16. Some farmers of my village are atleast as rich as Sohan. (comparative)
17. The rose is not more attractive than some other flowers. (positive)
18. I would as soon die as cheat my friend. (comparative)
19. She is much older in mind than in age. (positive)
20. To preach virtue (सद्गुण) is easier than to practise it. (positive)